CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- A method of design comprising the steps of:
 agreeing to a contract defining a trigger;
- providing computer programs to aid in the design of an integrated circuit; and receiving a payment upon satisfaction of said trigger.
 - 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data to aid in the manufacture of an integrated circuit.
 - 3. The method of claim 2 wherein said data contains a watermark.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data for use in the design of an integrated circuit.
 - 5. The method of claim 4 wherein said data contains a watermark.
 - 6. A method of design comprising the steps of: agreeing to a contract defining a trigger;
- designing a portion of an integrated circuit using computer programs; and making a payment upon satisfaction of said trigger.
 - 7. The method of claim 6 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data to aid in the manufacture of an integrated circuit.
 - 8. The method of claim 7 wherein said data contains a watermark.
- 20 9. The method of claim 6 wherein said trigger further comprises the generation of data to aid in the manufacture of an integrated circuit.

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- 10. The method of claim 9 wherein said data contains a watermark.
- 11. The method of claim 6 wherein said trigger further comprises the manufacture of an integrated circuit.
- 12. Machine readable media comprising data, wherein said data was generated by a computer program indicating the satisfaction of a contractual trigger to make a payment.
 - 13. A method of manufacturing an integrated circuit comprising the step of:
 reading a media containing data, wherein said data was generated by a computer
 program indicating the satisfaction of a contractual trigger to make a payment.
- 10 14. A method of design comprising the steps of:
 agreeing to a contract defining a trigger;
 providing computer programs and receiving a first payment; and
 receiving a second payment upon satisfaction of said trigger.
 - 15. The method of claim 14 wherein the usage and the number of copies of the computer programs are unlimited.
 - 16. A business method comprising the steps of:

providing by a first party access to a computer program by a second party, according to an agreement between the first and second parties; the first party receiving from the second party a first payment upon such access; and

receiving by the first party a second payment from the second party when the second party executes the computer program according to the agreement to generate a useful result.

17. A business method comprising the steps of:

paying by a second party to a first party a first payment according to an agreement between the first and second parties, the second party receiving from the first party a computer program; and

paying by a second party to the first party a second payment, the second party executing the computer program to generate a useful result.

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